job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed on the live register of these exchanges as on 31st May, 2003 (latest available) was approximately 7.94 lakh. District-wise details are not maintained.

(c) and (d) Registrations made during the year, Live Register, placements effected during the year and ratio of placement to live register for 2001 and 2002 (latest available) is given below:

(In thousands)

| Year | Registrations during the year | Live Register at the end of year | Placement during the year | Percentage of placement to Live Register |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2001 | 130.5 | 794.4 | 0.6 | 0.08 |
| 2002 | 120.3 | 797.1 | 1.0 | 0.13 |

**Utilisation of seats for trade apprentices in establishments**

3108. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of utilisation of seats located for trade apprentices in establishments in Central and State sectors respectively;

(b) what is the position in respect of seats located and utilized in Graduate, Technician and Technician (Vocational) Apprentices and Physically Handicapped in both Central and State establishments; and

(c) the steps taken both persuasive and legal to ensure full quota of apprenticeships in establishments and the number of erring establishments brought to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Utilization of seats located for trade apprentices in establishments in Central and State sectors are 86% and 67% respectively.

(b) The position in respect of seats located and utilized for Graduate, Technician and Technician (Vocational) Apprentices and Physically Handicapped at All India level is as follows:-

| Category of Apprentices | Seats ocated | Seats utilized | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Physically Handicapped |
| Graduate | 19882 | 11149 | 23 |
| Technician | 39193 | 27400 | 46 |
| Technician (Vocational) | 19597 | 8822 | 03 |

(c) The Central Government is responsible for implementation of the Apprentices Act, 1961 in respect of Trade Apprentices in the Central Government Undertakings and Departments; whereas the State Governments are responsible for implementation of the Act in respect of Trade Apprentices in State Government Undertakings/Departments and Private Establishments. During last year a special drive was launched by the Central Government, as a result of which seats utilization in respect of Trade Apprentices has increased from 75% to 86% in the Central Sector. The following steps are taken to ensure engagement of full quota of apprentices by the establishments:

(i) Periodical inspections and discussions with the concerned establishments.

(ii) Issue of show cause notices under section 30 and 31 of the Apprentices Act, 1961.

**Insurance cover to migrant labourers**

3109. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed mandatory insurance cover to Indian migrant labourers even when it was opposed to by Ministry's own Finance Department;

(b) if so, the nature of objections raised and the solution found out;

(c) whether Government have recommended amendments in the emigration act to check exploitation and provide social security to migrant labourers;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether it is proposed to send a delegation to countries where Indian labourers are employed and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) While a scheme for providing mandatory insurance cover to the vulnerable categories of emigrant workers was being prepared, the Integrated Finance Division was also consulted. They had suggested, *inter-alia,* that instead of awarding the work to any one company, the product may be notified leaving the choice of the company to the emigrant workers. The scheme has been modified accordingly.